

## EDITOR'S MISCELLANY



### FIRST CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED

GREAT things come from small beginnings, and the editor acknowledges with pleasure the receipt of what we believe may be the nucleus of a fund for the endowment of the chair in hospital economics at Teachers' College. The letter, which is anonymous, best tells its own story:

"The last number of THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, like every number which has preceded it, is full of interest. The JOURNAL is worthy the profession to which it is devoted, and is fully appreciated by its readers.

"I am sure we all approve of the suggestion of Miss Ida R. Palmer that we endow the chair in hospital economics at Teachers' College. Since I cannot do much, allow me the privilege of contributing my mite to the cause. Enclosed you will find two dollars.

"Very sincerely yours,

"A SUBSCRIBER,

"Beverly, Mass."

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### TRAINING-SCHOOL REPORTS SENT TO PARIS

A MONTH or so ago the request came to THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, through Mr. Devine, of the Charity Organization Society of New York City, for material upon hospital nursing and nurses' training in America to be sent to Paris, France, for use in compiling an official report ordered by the chief of the government department, "Assistance Publique." In compliance with the request, material was collected and sent as follows:

From six or eight large hospitals all printed forms relating to the admission and training of nurses, their schedules of work, of class and lecture courses, and rules of order and discipline; their orders of ward work and system from head nurse to orderly and ward maid; medicine lists, day and night orders, clothes lists, etc.; in this connection several training-schools sent day and night report-books, history charts, and medicine order-books showing the nurses' work in keeping these records. Various hospital and training-school reports were also sent, with early history of the establishment of the Training-School in Bellevue Hospital.

Reports were sent from a number of our graduate nurses' societies, as showing better than anything else the general character of the women in the nursing profession. Complete files were sent of the reports of the Superintendents' Society and those of the Associated Alumnae, with a bound volume of THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING up to date. Lists of text-books in general use were provided.

It is much to be hoped that the French authorities may realize that, if any reformation is to take place in the nursing of hospitals, the first *sine qua non* is to put trained women in charge, with full power and responsibility. It will be interesting to learn what follows their report.

DR. JOHN V. L. PRUYN, of Bethlehem, N. H., one of the Executive Committee of the "Transvaal League of the Eastern States," has written the editor to know where, in this country, two young women with battlefield experience in the Boer War can receive additional training as nurses. Both speak English. One is a Hollander, who already holds a diploma; the other is from the Orange Free State, and is now a probationer in one of the Dutch hospitals.

The objection has been raised that women who have had so much experience make difficult pupils in a training-school, and while one readily sees the truth of this on general principles, still, we think if these young women wish to take such a long, expensive journey for the sake of an American training there should be at least one superintendent willing to risk a trial.

### ASSOCIATION OF HOSPITAL SUPERINTENDENTS

It was a most unfortunate circumstance that the meetings of the National Council of Women in Buffalo, and the Association of Hospital Superintendents in New York, should have been held the week preceding the Congress of Nurses in Buffalo. The programmes of both of these conventions contained much of interest to nurses, but naturally, where time could only be given to one, our own Congress was chosen.

There are some few women members of the Association of Superintendents, but they are conspicuous by their absence in the programme of papers given below:

#### PROGRAMME OF THE CONFERENCE OF ASSOCIATION OF HOSPITAL SUPERINTENDENTS.

##### *Tuesday Morning, September 10.*

Opening prayer, by Rev. Cornelius L. Twing.

Addresses by Hon. Randolph Guggenheimer, President Municipal Council, New York City; Hon. John W. Keller, President Commissioners Public Charities, New York City; Hon. Stephen Smith, Commissioner State Board Charities, New York.

##### *Tuesday Afternoon, September 10.*

General business of the Conference.

Paper, "The Possibilities of a Hospital Superintendent's Personal Influence," by C. Irving Fisher, M.D., superintendent Presbyterian Hospital, New York City.

Discussion. Opened by James S. Knowles, formerly superintendent Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, O.

Discussion. Speakers limited to ten minutes each.

Paper, "The Non-Resident Indigent Patient," by John Fehrenbatch, superintendent Cincinnati Hospital, Cincinnati, O.

Discussion. Opened by George T. Stewart, M.D., superintendent Bellevue Hospital, New York City.

Discussion. Speakers limited to ten minutes each.

##### *Wednesday Morning, September 11.*

General business of the Conference.

Paper, "The Relation of the State to the Hospital," by Byron M. Child, superintendent State and Alien Poor State Board of Charities, New York.

Discussion. Opened by J. R. Coddington, superintendent General Hospital, Elizabeth, N. J.

Discussion. Speakers limited to ten minutes each.

Paper, "The Hospital from the Stand-Point of the Visiting Physician," by H. A. Fairbairn, M.D., New York.

Discussion. Opened by A. W. Shaw, superintendent Harper Hospital, Detroit, Mich.

Discussion. Speakers limited to ten minutes each.

*Thursday Morning, September 12.*

General business of the Conference.

Paper, "Figures and Thoughts Regarding Hospitals and the Care of Charity Patients," by Del T. Sutton, editor *National Hospital Record*, Detroit, Mich.

Discussion. Opened by C. Irving Fisher, M.D., superintendent Presbyterian Hospital, New York City.

Discussion. By Daniel T. Test, superintendent Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.

Discussion. Speakers limited to ten minutes each.

Paper, "Hospitals of the Future," by Charles S. Howell, superintendent Western Pennsylvania Hospital, Pittsburg, Pa.

Discussion. Opened by J. T. Duryea, M.D., Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Discussion. Speakers limited to ten minutes each.

The social features were the annual dinner, excursions, inspection of hospitals, etc.

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#### NURSES WHO CARED FOR THE PRESIDENT

We have the following from Miss Walters, superintendent of the Service Hospital at the Pan-American Exposition:

"On the day of the assassination of President McKinley all nurses in the hospital were on duty. They were Mrs. Elizabeth Dorchester, Buffalo General Hospital; Miss M. D. Barnes, St. Luke's Hospital, New York, at one time Mrs. Quintard's assistant; Miss Margaret C. Morris, St. Luke's Hospital, New York; Miss Katherine Simmons, Roosevelt Hospital, New York; Miss Rose Baron, Long Island College Hospital; Miss Mary E. Shannon, Cincinnati General Hospital.

"Misses Morris and Barnes prepared the operating-room, acting as sterile nurses, while the others, Misses Baron, Simmons, and Shannon and Mrs. Dorchester, assisted. Miss Simmons and Miss Barnes were with the President from the beginning and accompanied him to the Milburn house, remaining through the night until relieved by Miss Maud Mohan, a Canadian graduate of the Buffalo General Hospital, who has been Dr. Roswell Park's office nurse for more than two years. Miss Jennie Connelly, also a Buffalo General Graduate, Miss Hunt, who was with Mrs. McKinley, and Miss McKenzie, from the Johns Hopkins Hospital. The nurses were on eight-hour duty.

OCTOBER appointments, Pan-American Hospital:

Miss M. L. Davidson, Long Island College Hospital.

Miss Elizabeth Connor, Rochester City Hospital.

Miss Margaret McLaren, Rochester City Hospital.

Miss Margaret Michell, Cincinnati Jewish Hospital.

Miss Charity B. Babcock, Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Miss Anna Hadden, Orange Memorial.

Miss Katherine Simmons, of Roosevelt, New York, reappointed for another month in charge of the day nursery.

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A BRANCH of St. Barnabas's Guild has been organized on the West Side of Chicago, holding its monthly meetings at the Parish-House of the Church of the Epiphany. It is hoped that this may become a rallying-point for nurses from the various training-schools on the West Side.

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